













# EDWIN BROTHERTOFF.

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## PART ONE—CHAPTER V.

A bank now rests upon the site of the Billow mansion. Ponderosa, grim, granite, stand the two columns of its propylaea. A swinging door squeaks "Hail!" to the prosperous lender, and "Adieu!" to the borrower unworried. Within, paying tellers, old and crusty, or young and jaunty, stand up to their elbows in gold and smile at the offended dignity of personages not identified presenting checks and in vain requiring payment. Further back depositors are feeding money, soft and hard, into the maw of the receiving teller. Behind him bookkeepers wail prodigious ledgers and run up and down the columns of figures as the lizards of Psestum. And in the innermost penetralia of that temple of Ptolema the high priest, the high priestess, the directors, worth billions, sit and fancy that they brew crisis or credit.

So stand things now when Edwin Brothertoff once stood contemplating a lease knock.

The door opened, and he was presently introduced into a parlor, upholstered to the uppermost of its eaves.

But where is Mr. Skates? Skates? Instead of that mean and meager agent here is the principal—a singularly handsome, bold, and crusty, or young and jaunty, man, with a gleam of his exuberant beauty depressed and her carmine-toned down by mourning.

Both the young people were embarrassed for a moment.

He was embarrassed at this unlooked-for substitution of a beautiful woman for an ugly reptile of a Skates; and she to find how fair a spirit she had conjured up. He with a sudden vision of the prejudice he had had against the unknown her, his dissembler; and she with her instant conviction that here was the person to pick up her handkerchief, if he would.

Shall the talk of these children be here repeated? It might fill a pleasant page; but this history cannot deal with the details of their immature life. Only make ready in this first act for the rapid business of a ripper.

When Edwin Brothertoff left the heiress's parlor, after sixty minutes of delight, she seated herself at the desk beside her, under the albatross that had indicated his invitation, took a fresh sheet of paper and a virgin quill and wrote:

Then the same in backhand, with flourish and without. Then she printed in large letters:

LADY JANE BROTHERTOFF, OF BROTHERTOFF HALL.

Then, with a conscious, delicate, she carried her prophetic autograph to the desk and watched it burn.

Over the fireplace a mirror, distorted into three parts by gilded moldings. Above was perched a gilt eagle, a very rampant bird, with its wings spread, as if it were about to take flight.

Two wreaths of onions, in the disguise of pomgranates, were festooned from his head and hung in a wreath of onions, either side of the frame. Quite a regiment of plump little cherubs, clad in gilding light as it could be, were on either side of the frame. Quite a regiment of plump little cherubs, clad in gilding light as it could be, were on either side of the frame.

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Then she looked at the portrait of her mother, the permanent red face, the coarse jaw, the permanent red face, the coarse jaw, the permanent red face, the coarse jaw.

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"Bitterly, except when you come."

"Silly, except when I am with you."

Another exchange of looks—a little of the solemn and oppressive with the remembrance of the sudden, roisterous, unconsciousness of her father—his soft, tender for her than before, but not quite so tender.

"Both very lovely," he continued, with a smile. "Two negatives make an affirmative. Do you love me?"

"I am afraid I am already committed on that subject."

"Why not?"

"Why should we not put our two names together and make society?"

"Mr. Skates would be a poor guide to the society."

"We were not talking of him."

"No, I was merely thinking I could recommend you a better citizen."

"When can you possibly meet?"

"Myself."

"Brothertoff's mansion would be a lovely place to spend a honeymoon in."

"I long to see it, after your description."

"June there is perfect."

"June and this is May?"

"Will you be there with me in June, my dearest love?"

Yes, Edwin.

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But the statement of the result is and enough. Let it stand as the wrong thing.

A fatality preceded the wrong. It was this.

The woman was coarse and the man was fine. No gentle influences had relieved her in the facile days of childhood and trained her nobler natures to the maternal. Her ears had been familiar with vulgar people and their vulgar ways. Her ears had heard their coarse talk. Her mind had narrowed to their ignominious school of judgment.

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carelessly," just printed. After this literary treat Mr. Horace said: "Tell me something about that clever young aide-camp, Washington, who got Irquots Bradlock the privilege of dying in his sleep. A brave fellow for that honor to your country."

Mr. George Selwyn, the wit, was also a guest. He looked maliciously out of his "demon eyes" and said, "You forget, Horry, that you used to name George Washington 'a fardand,' and I have been calling the white of cannon balls 'a delightful sound.'"

Thereupon a host, a little abashed, laughed and said, "I wish such 'fardands' were more plenty in the army," and the sparkling goodie did not relate how he had got this nickname in black and white in a letter to Sir Horace Mann, in whose correspondence it may still be read, with abundance of other secondhand jokes.

What a gay visit it was of the young pair in that brilliant moment of England!

While Brothertoff, in the intervals of urging his petition and remonstrance, discussed all the sublime and beautiful things that are done in the world.

With Mr. Burke, while he talked with Mr. Reynolds, poetry with Dr. Johnson, his own country with Dr. Johnson, his own wife was holding a little court of her own.

"I believe he wants to make me feel ignorant and vulgar," she thought, as that he can govern me. But he shall not intend to be mistress. I'll shut the book suggestions. No, sir, my way is my way, and I mean to have it."

And so, rebuffed by contact with a delicacy she could not understand, she resolutely crossed herself, sometimes to satisfy her curiosity, sometimes to satisfy her curiosity.

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